



**RCA
CITY OF AUSTIN
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION**

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SUBJECT: Approve execution of an amendment to each of two Interlocal Agreements with Austin Community College, Austin, TX, one to provide childcare quality improvement services for an additional amount of \$18,750 for an additional 3-month period for a total agreement amount not to exceed \$93,750 in the 15-month agreement period; and, one to provide childcare training services for an additional amount of \$31,034 for an additional 3-month period for a total agreement amount not to exceed \$125,872 in the 15-month agreement period; for a combined total additional amount of \$49,784 for a total amount not to exceed \$219,622 for the two agreements in the 15 month agreement period.

AMOUNT & SOURCE OF FUNDING: Funding in the amount of \$23,710 will be available in the Fiscal Year 2004-2005 Operating Budget of the Health and Human Services Department and funding in the amount of \$26,074 will be available in the Fiscal Year 2004-2005 Operating Budget of the Health and Human Services Department Special Certification Fund. The amended agreement period is October 1, 2003 – December 31, 2004, for both agreements.

FISCAL NOTE: There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.

REQUESTING Health and Human
DEPARTMENT: Services

**DIRECTOR'S
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PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION: Interlocals approved, 8/30/01, Resolutions #010830-27 and 28

BOARD AND COMMISSION ACTION: N/A

PURCHASING: N/A

MBE / WBE: N/A

Background:

The City has two Interlocals with Austin Community College Child Development Department for childcare quality services. The Quality Improvement Program assists childcare providers in improving program quality and moving toward meeting voluntary quality standards as set by the state and/or the National Association for the Education of Young Children. The Teacher TRAC Program provides scholarships and academic guidance for childcare teachers and directors taking college child development courses. Both programs are in the last renewal period that ends September 30, 2004. A 3-month extension, through December 31, 2004 for both programs, is needed to align the programs and funding with other childcare quality programs that are in calendar year contracts. The alignment of childcare quality programs is part of the Social Services Investment Plan, and is being done in coordination with Travis County. A Request for Application process for childcare quality funding is underway, and will result in contracts that begin January 1, 2005. If these programs are refunded, they will be combined in a single Interlocal Agreement starting January 1, 2005.



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The additional funding for the Teacher TRAC program is \$7,324 more than the 25% proportionate share of the annual agreement amount because the 2005 spring semester tuitions must be paid during the pre-registration that occurs in late 2004. The Quality Improvement Program additional funding is 25% of the annual agreement amount.

Performance Measures:

Related Departmental Goal

Provision: Social Services – Promote and foster increased self-sufficiency, healthy behaviors, and lifestyle among targeted populations.

Outcomes (no change)

- Percentage of early child care programs community-wide that meet quality standards 11%
- Percentage of scholarship recipients completing credit coursework with a “C” grade or better 75%

Outputs (both Interlocals)

	Current	Additional	Total
• Number of early childhood development staff receiving training or technical assistance	60	15	75
• Hours of staff training/coaching provided	825	206	1,031
• Number of scholarships provided	96	34	130

Requested Council Action:

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